

A Word About Hats.

FALL STYLES!

BIG HEAD! SMALL HEAD!

We have hats to fit any head. New FALL Hats we mean---this season's styles. Correct shape.

Soft Hats! Stiff Hats!

And the grandest line of FALL CAPS in the city. Let us put one on top of your head and give you more change back than you are accustomed to getting.

Cheap Charley,
—The Reliable Clothier.

DECATUR GUN CO...
Successors to H. Mueller Gun Co.,

We find that we are largely overstocked on Tennis Goods, Base Ball Goods, Hunting Clothing, Guns and Cutlery.

We are now making prices which will be of advantage to our customers.

Please call and see for yourself.

Our Goods are All Warranted.

DEATUR GUN CO.

ARCHIE F. WILSON, Manager.

There are Hogs.

An Arkansas Razor Back Hog, belonging to an Arkansas farmer, ate so much that the farmer couldn't see how he could make a profit on the hog if it cost him so much to feed him. He sat on a fence (the farmer, not the hog) all one day trying to figure out how to make both ends meet, and he forgot to feed the hog. Next day he happened to see the hog and noticed that the hog seemed all right. He at once saw that the hog was fat and that he could educate him to grow without a solution to his figuring—if he could educate him to grow without eating he could make money on him. He began to diminish the hog's visible supply of food, and finally got him down to one meal a day. Still the hog grew. He quit feeding him altogether and still the hog didn't seem to notice it. The farmer chuckled to himself in glee, and didn't seem to notice it. "W-a-a-l, that's funny; just as he got used to it then the hog died. "W-a-a-l, that's funny; just as he got used to it then he up and died." You can go with your summer clothes if you want to, but you're apt to die trying the experiment. Good, heavy winter suits from \$5.00 up.

MAIENTHAL'S
Lowest Priced Clothing House in Decatur. 222 NORTH MAIN STREET. Between Prairie and William.

HAVE YOU TRIED CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES?

Sold Only at—"The Economy," 221 North Water Street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Checks called for. Davis' delivery. A business meeting of the Decatur public library board was held last night.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Moh 25 tf.

In the circuit court yesterday Mrs. Denz filed a bill for separate maintenance against her husband, Edward Denz.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure headaches. 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.

The engagement of the Gibney company will close at the Grand tomorrow night.

In a few days Ralph Curtis will leave for Philadelphia to study medicine in a leading institution.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. Moh 25-ttf

Tonight the play at the Grand will be Camille by the Gibney company. It is one of the best plays in the repertoire of the combination.

Irwin's Celery Compound is a good nerve and blood purifier.

The child study division of the Woman's club will meet at the club rooms on Saturday afternoon at 3.30. All club members interested are requested to attend.

"Smoke the Little J" 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

The DeWitt county fair has received \$900 from the state and its net receipts were over \$900, making a comfortably surplus of over \$1100 this year.

Shoes made to order and all kinds of repair work done in first class style. Call on H. R. Adams, 152 East Prairie avenue. —9-ttf

The Decatur Methodist ministers will leave for Rushville next Tuesday to attend the Illinois conference.

Decatur Lodge Good Templars' "Color Sociable" Friday night. Admission 10 cents. —9-2t

The Illinois Liquor Dealers' association will hold its annual meeting in Danville this year, beginning September 21 and continuing up to and including September 28.

Inspect those handsome pianos and organs at the C. B. Prescott music house. The leading instruments are the Haines and Reed & Son's pianos.

The Vandall road will run a cheap excursion to Terre Haute next Sunday. The train will leave Decatur at 7 a. m. and will arrive at Terre Haute at 10-30 a. m. On the return trip it will leave Terre Haute at 8-30 p. m. The fare for the round trip will be \$1.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, road wagons, and also the old reliable Peter Schuttler and Molino farm wagons. —July 19-d&w2mo

The ladies of the sixth division of the social helpers of the Edward Street Christian church will give a lawn social at the residence of Charles Wheeler, one mile northeast of Decatur, Thursday, September 16.

John A. Dawson in the county court filed his bond as administrator of the estate of Fred Middlesworth. He is the Wabash man who was fatally injured in the Decatur yards last May by a switch engine jumping off of the track. The only estate is an action against the railroad company for damages.

Mrs. Anthony's dress making parlors at 361 East Wood street, are now open for work. She has the latest fall styles and will try to please you. Give her a call. —7-6

Perri Taylor was arrested last evening on a capias for disorderly conduct and Deputy Holmes landed her in jail. The girl tried to work a bluff on Sam, declaring that a serious mistake had been made, and that she would not go to jail. She went to jail.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows will convene at Springfield on the 21st of this month. Delegates will be present from all states in the Union and from nearly every country on the globe. The local Odd Fellows are making preparations to have a large delegation go over from this city. The Godman band of 30 pieces will accompany the Decatur delegation.

Backlen's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

If you are losing confidence in men, read the 13th chapter of I. Corinthians.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomachic, without distress. 4¢ the price of coffee, 15¢ and 25¢ per package. Sold by all grocers.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Members of the Congregation Held Their Annual Business Meeting Last Night.

The annual business meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist church was held last evening. Reports were heard from the various committees and officers and all went to show that the church was in an excellent condition. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Moderator—Frank Hamsher.

Treasurer—Orville Coughlin.

Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. Metellar Kazar.

Church Clerk—F. O. Riggs.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Ardle Wood.

Trustees—W. C. Dimock, David Patterson.

Deacons—S. T. Curtis and J. T. Owens.

The clerk's report showed that there are 712 active members in the church, which is an increase of about 40 over last year.

During the year \$347 has been raised and paid out for running expenses for the Sunday school. The number of officers, teachers and pupils in the Sunday school is 304, and the average attendance during the year has been 287.

During the year the deacons have collected \$19.93 for the fellowship fund of the church. The money from this fund is used to help poor members. The report of the East Park chapel showed there were 115 members in the Sunday school and that after paying all expenses there was \$50 in the treasury.

The King's Daughters of the chapel have held 11 meetings during the year with an average attendance of 13 members. The society has raised \$761.14 and has expended about \$26.

In regard to the finances of the church no figures will be made public. The financial condition of the church is not the best and the exact condition of affairs will not be made public. The pulpit committee reported that they had not yet succeeded in securing a pastor. It is understood that about 100 communications have been received, but the committee is considering seriously only five of them. It may be some time yet before the pulpit of the church is supplied as the committee are determined to have the right person for the place.

FISH AND CHICKEN.

Over Two Hundred Decatur People Attend the Fry at N. Brown's Place Last Night.

The Blue Mound chapel gave a chicken and fish fry last evening at the Nelson Brown farm, three miles from Harris-

town, in point of attendance outstripping anything of the kind ever given in the county. It was the second annual event and it was necessary to kill and fry 111 chickens and 300 pounds of fish in order to feed the vast multitude that gathered. Over 300 people attended from Decatur alone. The management was splendid and at no time during the evening was there less than 25 to 75 people waiting in line at the dining tent for admission. The refreshments consisted chiefly of chicken, fish, potato salad, coffee, bread and butter, with plenty of each. It was a great spread and when the next annual event is announced the Blue Mound people can be assured of a much larger crowd than ever attended this time. The roads were very dusty, but this did not stop the crowd. Almost the entire eight miles was driven in a cloud of dust.

AN EQUINE-CANINE PARADOX.

You Wouldn't Believe These Animals Could Do What They Do If You Did Not See Them.

The return of the old favorites, the Sipe, Dolman & Blake dog, poby and monkey show to Decatur for two performances daily on September 15 and 16, is an event that will be looked forward to by the little folks of our city with a great deal of interest and the juvenile portion of our inhabitants will be on the qui vive until after these clever little dumb actors have left the city. The show was organized in 1895 and it has been gradually enlarged and improved until it has almost reached perfection. The proprietors were formerly Sipe & Dolman but this season Mr. Blake, the expert trainer of dogs, ponies and monkeys, has been taken into partnership and the firm is known as Sipe, Dolman & Blake.

Knights of Maccoabees.

The members of Decatur Camp No. 150, Knights of Maccoabees gave their first social last evening in the Chevalier Bayard K. of P. hall. There was a large attendance and \$30 was made from the sale of refreshments. There was a cake walk and the following program was rendered:

Piano Solo—Mrs. William Rogers.

Mixed Quartet—Miss Emmert, Miss Graves, Harry Griswold and Earle Merritt.

Male Quartet—Harry Griswold, Earle Merritt, Ed Pearce and Will Lake.

Vocal Solo—Miss Florence Hatch.

Piano Duet—A. Jennings and George Shilling.

Song—A. Jennings.

The Banda Russa.

One of the finest attractions booked for the Grand is the latest European success known as the Banda Russa, a company of 60 musicians, whose playing on a great variety of instruments is truly marvelous. Frazelein Vahsel, soprano, court singer to the King of Saxony, and Carlotta Stubenrauch, a talented 13 year old violinist, are with the combination. This rare attraction will appear at the Grand early in January.

If you feel lonesome and unprotected, read the 91st Psalm.

A GALA NIGHT.

Presbyterian Ladies Manage the Street Cars Up to the Closing Hour—Glad It's Over.

BIG CROWD AT THE GARDEN PARTY

Young Ladies Enjoyed the Novel Experience Hugely—Special Conductors on the Trailers—Trolley Car Parties.

Manager Ferguson took charge of the management of the electric street car system this morning and found everything in good shape. To be sure the goldenrod and the flags had been stripped from the cars, but that did not interfere with the service. The cars moved out of the barn promptly and business proceeded as if nothing unusual had occurred yesterday.

The Presbyterian ladies, who had full charge of the cars yesterday until 11 o'clock last night, were nowhere in sight this morning. They had remained on and about the cars all day and they were all glad to quit when the cars left the transfer station on the last trip. They had shown commendable grit, had performed their duties faithfully, had looked after the nickels, had given out the transfers, had blown the whistles for the cars to stop and start, had become acquainted with the motormen and the regular conductors, learning that they were gentlemen and patient and long-suffering with curious people who got on the cars, and they left their work with the knowledge that there are many strange and sometimes annoying experiences to be met with on the electric cars.

Everybody could see that more people were riding on the cars yesterday and last night than usual, and as a consequence the receipts of the day were largely augmented. It is expected that the ladies will come out ahead on their venture about \$200, quite a handsome sum to be applied to the church funds. It is stated that the ladies paid \$125 for the use of the cars for the entire day.

At Riverside Park.

Nearly everybody was out for an airing last night, all going to Riverside park to attend the garden party given by the ladies of the church, who in arranging the affair appreciated the fact that an attraction at the park would be a good thing. The cars were well filled. Trailers had to be put on to accommodate the crowd, and that called for extra conductors, one for each trailer.

The ladies served refreshments at the park and took in a considerable sum of money.

There were several trolley car parties during the evening. One was managed by Edward Powers. It was a merry singing crowd and included Misses Madge Hays, Lena Ulrich, Anna Packard, Alice Barling, Louise Boyd, Margaret and Anna Roberts, Mary Voorhes, Eugenia Harple, Edith Race, Miss Proctor of Peoria, Miss Matthews of Jacksonville, Miss Emma Cain of St. Louis, and Miss Chaney of Chicago. Messrs. Will Armstrong, Robert Vail, Charles Burnstead, R. I. Hunt, Edward and Frank Powers, A. Doumont, W. I. McBride, Frank Evans, Lbu Westernman, Froy Alexander, Hal Paterson, James K. Stafford, Edwin Haines and Mr. Cecil.

Badly Injured.

Miss Belle McHenry, well known in Decatur, was seriously hurt Sunday while going to her home at Moweaqua in a buggy, accompanied by James Shepherd. On the way Miss McHenry attempted to raise her parasol, which movement badly frightened the horse. As the animal was kicking violently and rapidly becoming ungovernable Miss McHenry attempted to jump from the buggy, and in so doing the horse kicked her on the arm, fracturing it badly in two places between the wrist and elbow. She was conveyed to town at once and placed in Dr. Sparling's care. Though suffering much at times she is doing as well as could be expected.

The Ordinance Committee.

The members of the ordinance committee of the city council held a meeting last evening. They considered two ordinances which were referred to the committee at the last meeting. One was the ordinance providing that nothing but flag stone or cement sidewalks should be laid hereafter within the fire district of the city and the other was the ordinance providing for the erection and maintenance of slaughter houses built within one mile of the city limits. The latter ordinance was discussed at length by the committee and it was finally decided to recommend to the council the passage of both ordinances.

Gene Back.

Bement Register: R. E. McKinney has moved back to Bement. He will occupy his own place and will be in the employ of the Platt county creamery. Business in the butter line in Decatur fell off to such an extent that it was unprofitable.

Death of a Child.

The 15 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dodson died Thursday, September 9, at the parents' apartments in the Syndicate block. The funeral was held today.

THE WATER WORKS.

Probability that N. O. Herman and O. C. Stafford will be the New Engineers.

The retirement of John T. Barnett as engineer at the water works will take place in a few days. It is understood that he is to be succeeded by M. O. Herman, who has been connected with the Decatur Novelty Works for a number of years, and that O. C. Stafford, of the Leader Manufacturing company, will also be connected with the works, both to occupy positions of equal responsibility. Both are young men and Mayor Taylor regards them as well qualified for the work to which he will call them. The assistants at the works who have been working with Mr. Barnett, have signified their intention of retiring, but it is not known what will be done in making the changes. The assurance is given, however, that thoroughly competent engineers will be in charge of the plant and that the usual good service will be furnished. It is expected that the new men will be on duty by Saturday or Sunday.

CLEARED OVER \$500.

Close of the Catholic Lawn Concert and Social.

Last night the three nights lawn concert and social given by the ladies of the St. Patrick's Catholic church at Father Macken's home closed with a large audience in attendance. The children of the Catholic schools contributed largely to the success of the entertainment and it is expected that over \$500 will be the net receipts.

To the delight of everybody Miss Lizzie Hines, the vaudeville artist, appeared again in a number of fetching selections, which provoked uncontrollable laughter.

Miss Anna Brown gave a vocal solo which merited generous applause. After the chorus by the senior girls and a recitation by Miss Annabel Hegor, a dialogue entitled "Aunt Maxwell's Return" was given.

The characters in the dialogue were assumed by Grace Linton, Amelia Cantwell, Katie Holland, Mary O'Brien, Clara Zeller, Anna Houston, Mary Duggan and Joe McNamara. The first included a vocal solo by Thomas Fagan and the second a solo by Miss Nellie Ryder. The third act contained a wand drill by the small children and choruses by the junior boys and the senior girls.

W. C. T. U. Officers.

At the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. the following officers were elected:

Vice President—Mrs. M. P. Larriek.

Secretary—Miss Edna L. Scherger.

Treasurer—Mrs. L. M. Brown.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Edith Irwin.

Financial Secretary—Mrs. C. C. Bendles.

Vice Presidents—From Presbyterian church, Mrs. C. E. Akers; First M. E., Mrs. Jane Birby; (Grace M. E., Mrs. Barbara Sore, Baptist, Mrs. Carrie Mend; Cumberland Presbyterian, Mrs. C. A. Smith; U. B., Mrs. Mary E. Hopkins.

The election of president was deferred. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs. B. M. Kreidler were adopted.

Color Social.

The following program will be rendered at the "Color Sociable" given Decatur Lodge No. 364, 1 O. G. T., this (Friday) night in their hall, corner of Main and William streets: Welcome song, Belamy Sisters; piano solo, Ethel Gordon; recitation, May Brightman; Zozo Medley, Belamy Sisters; recitation, Penri Leib, solo, R. C. Augustine, recitation, Miss Gerlie Kitchen; solo, Belamy Sisters; recitation, Belamy Sisters; duo, Miss Siler and Master Wiener; grand night song, Belamy Sisters.

Married at Peoria.

John J. Maloney, of Decatur, and Miss Lucie Agnes Ryan were married at the cathedral at Peoria on Wednesday evening. The couple will reside at 226 West William street, this city.

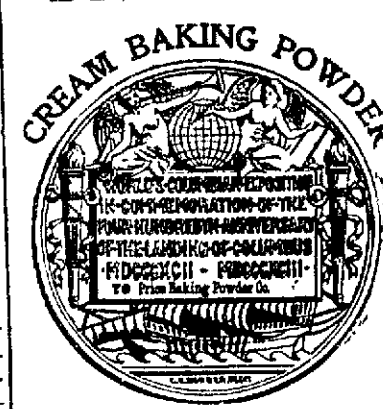
Taken Back to Kankakee.

Clarence Winkler, the man who escaped from the Kankakee asylum several days ago, was captured in this city yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Sam Holmes. He was taken back to Kankakee by Holmes. Winkler was sent to the asylum from this city several years ago.

Application for Administrator.

In the county court today Elton R. Wilholte made application for the appointment of a conservator for the estate of William T. Wilholte.

DR. PRICE'S



Above represents the official Medal awarded Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder by World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, '93. The fame achieved at all the Great Fairs is solely on its merits as the strongest, purest and best of all the baking powders. It is always Dr. Price's as the creamiest baking powder in the world.



Marion.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Crocker and daughter, Ruth, returned Friday from their eastern trip.

Mrs. A. M. Kempsball returned Saturday from a visit with relatives at Odell.

Robert Miner, who has been at Leavenworth, Kan., for some months, has been appointed assistant principal of the Worcester Academy at Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dr. Anderson returned from Ohio Wednesday.

D. J. Chamblin, wife and daughter, of Robinson, Ill., who have been visiting the Adams families, returned to their home Friday. Mrs. Chamblin is the daughter of Mrs. William Adams.

Mrs. Fred Farlow and babe, of Camp Point, are visiting Mrs. Farlow's parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Miner.

J. R. Morgan, the deputy postmaster, is better after a few days' illness.

Miss Kate Sayer, who has been visiting P. L. Hobbs and family, returned to her home in Springfield Friday.

Warner Alsop and family have moved from the farm to town and now occupy their residence on Bloomingtown avenue.

David Welpey and Fred Hahn returned from Iowa Wednesday.

Mrs. Drake, of Weldon, Miss Grace Wysock, of Kenney, Miss Mollie Schultz and Miss Drusilla Meyer went to St. Louis Saturday.

Charles Davis moved last week from the country to the property bought by him on the corner of Main and Church streets.

Mrs. C. M. Thayer and Miss Olive Thayer, of Farmer City, Mrs. Malinda Weddle and Mrs. Mattie Wilson, attended the funeral of Mrs. Mollie Conover on Thursday.

Mrs. George Greff went to Eldorado Tuesday of last week to visit relatives.

John Bennett has traded his livery barn to Harry Swigart, the banker, of Weldon.

Henry Wilcox and family moved from town to the farm of Warner Alsop last week.

George Frey, of Decatur, was seen on our streets Wednesday morning.

Robert Nesbitt, of La Crosse, Wis., arrived on Monday for a short stay with his parents.

The Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church elected their officers on Wednesday night for the next six months. President, Miss Drusilla Meyer; vice president, Miss Stella Bean; treasurer, Howard Glasford; secretary, Miss Laura May; all; organist, Miss Lora Gault; assistant organist, Miss Mattie Sterling.

Miss Mary Barger left for Chicago the first of the month for three or four weeks.

A number of the brothers of the M. K. church, led by Rev. Preston Wood, were busy leveling the boulevard around the church Saturday.

Mrs. E. Rogers and two daughters visited friends in Kenney over Sunday.

Beardsdale.

Mrs. Davidson and her daughter have returned to their home at Clinton, Iowa, after a week's visit with H. Landis and family.

C. C. Hall will return home to spend a few days with his parents in Arcola, Ill.

S. F. Hunsley has commenced his fall term of school.

Chinch bugs and dry weather is doing irreparable damage to the corn in this vicinity. If climatic conditions are favorable this fall the acreage sown to wheat in this vicinity will be larger than for several years.

Mr. Joseph Bean is making rapid progress in building William Baum's new house, two miles northwest of the Dale.

Mrs. D. E. Wheeler has gone to Decatur to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. A. Conover.

Farmers are holding corn for 30 cents, when it gets to 30 cents they will hold for 35 cents.

Miss Myrtle Huston is attending High school in Decatur.

Mrs. B. H. Pharis, whose health is much better than for several weeks, made us a call this week.

Earle Braden will leave Saturday, September 11, for Normal, Ill., where he will attend school the coming winter.

H. N. Lebew will haul his wheat to Shellbarger Mill and Elevator Co. at 1 per bushel. H. N. is the only lucky man in these parts.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, 1896.

A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Boston, of Kankakee, celebrated their golden wedding Tuesday night. Three guests were present who had attended the wedding in New York 50 years ago.

Twenty-nine gamblers in six houses were arrested Monday night at Decatur and put up bonds amounting to \$750, which will be forfeited to the city.

If you feel lonesome and unprotected, read the 91st Psalm.

WATCH! WAIT!!

Manufacturers' Sale by the Cincinnati Clothing and Shoe Mfg. Co.

The Cincinnati Clothing and Shoe Manufacturing Co., one of the largest manufacturers of the east, after carefully inventorying their mammoth stock, realized that they were overstocked to the amount of \$185,000, and in order to dispose of these goods at once they have shipped a part of their mammoth stock to Decatur, Ill., and placed in the large store room known as the Rothfus building, South side of Lincoln square. And will be sold to the people of Marion county and vicinity at less than cost of manufacture. This great manufacturers' sale of men's, boys and children's clothing, men, boys, ladies, misses and children's shoes will commence Saturday, September 11, 1897, and will continue until Saturday, September 18, 1897, making this the greatest seven day sale ever inaugurated in Decatur. Read the following prices over carefully. Among the many bargains you will find:

Men's pants worth \$1.25, at 88 cents.

Men's working pants worth \$1, at 48 cents.

Men's business pants worth \$2, at 98 cents.

Men's fine pants worth \$3, at \$1.24.

Men's tailor made pants worth \$5, at \$2.48.

Men's long pants worth \$1.50, at 78 cents.

Men's suits worth \$3, at \$2.93.

Men's cassimere suits worth \$12, at \$4.75.

Men's fine cassimere suits worth \$15, at \$6.78.

Men's fine custom made suits worth \$18, at \$6.68.

Men's fine tailor made suits worth \$22, at \$9.48.

Children's suits worth \$3, at 74 cents.

Children's fine suits worth \$3.50, at \$1.24.

Children's dress suits worth \$5, at \$3.48.

Children's knee pants worth 35 cents, at 15 cents.

Ladies' and gents' house slippers worth \$1, at 54 cents.

Gents' dress shoes worth \$1.75, at 87 cents.

Gents' heavy working shoes worth \$1.25, at 78 cents.

Ladies' dress shoes, lace and button, worth \$1.50, at 98 cents.

Ladies' and gents' dress shoes worth \$2.50, at \$1.34.

Ladies' and gents' fine shoes worth \$3.50, at \$1.48.

Ladies' and gents' custom made shoes worth \$4.50, at \$1.98.

Ladies' and gents' hand sewed shoes worth \$6, at \$2.48.

Children's school shoes, sizes 8 to 11, worth \$1.25, at 74 cents.

Misses' and youths school shoes worth \$1.50, at 98 cents.

Hundreds of other articles which cannot be mentioned.

And so on through the line you will find bargain after bargain. Nothing reserved, as everything must be sold in the seven days. Remember the place in Rothfus building, south side Lincoln square. Come early and avoid the rush.

Merchants desiring to fill up find this a good opportunity. Sale begins September 11. Look for the great manufacturers' sale sign.

J. Norton, Agent.

PREMIUM ON SILENCE.

This Story Tells How Willie Wiggins Won a Bet.

Willie Wiggins and his chum, Tommy Tompkins, were sitting together on the curbing down the street the other day, when Mrs. Wiggins came to the door and glanced up and down the street as if looking for some one, says the Ohio State Journal. Presently she spied the object of her search and called out:

"Willie, I want you."

She then reentered the house and busied herself about her household duties.

A minute later Mrs. Tompkins put her head out of a window half a block away and yelled at the top of her voice:

"Tommy! You come home this very minute!"

Both boys remained motionless.

Neither spoke a word.

Five minutes passed away, when both women again made their appearance at the same moment:

"Oh, Willie," called Mrs. Wiggins.

No answer.

"Tommy!" shouted Mrs. Tompkins.

"Willie!" again called Mrs. Wiggins.

"I wish you would hurry home. I want you."

"Tommy Tompkins," shouted his mother, in an angry tone, "if you are not here in mighty short order I'll see if I can't help you along."

Neither the pleading voice of Mrs. Wiggins nor the angry tone of Mrs. Tompkins seemed to have any effect on the two boys and they both remained silent and motionless as their respective mothers again disappeared. About two minutes later Willie put in his appearance.

"Did you want me, mamma?" he asked.

"Did I want you?" exclaimed his mother. "Of course I wanted you. Why didn't you come when I first called you?"

"Cause Tommy Tompkins bet me a cent's worth of candy he could keep from speakin' longer'n I could," replied Willie. "He didn't do it, though," he continued, as he drew himself up with the air of a victor. His ma came after him with a switch."

Found.

At Bell's or Krone's drug store, a marvelous cure for all kidney complaints, nervous exhaustion and female weakness. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A government fish hatchery will be established at Crystal Lake, Urbana. Several thousand bass will be put in.

A Household Necessity.

No family should be without Foley's Colic Cure, for all bowel complaints. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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FAMINE IN EUROPE.

Shortage in Crops Seems Likely to Produce Starvation Prices.

Dear Food Abundant, But Cheap Food Scarce—That Means Untold Suffering Among the Poor.

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The conviction has been growing, on both sides of the Atlantic that Europe is face to face with something grimly and sternly resembling famine.

There has been no case of famine within the present century when there was not in the world plenty of food for all its people, if only it were properly distributed. This was the case in Ireland, which was actually exporting wheat by the shipload at the very time when its people were dying like sheep because of the potato rot. In the present famine in India, it is not the lack of grain so much as the lack of money to buy it, that is starving the natives, as is proved by the fact that the government, instead of distributing grain, is instituting relief work to give the people money.

The distinction doesn't mean a great deal to a man who is starving. It doesn't make much difference to him whether he is starving in sight of plenty or within hail of only distress. There are indications that the poor of many European cities will taste of real suffering before the winter is over, and that their misery may have a potent influence on larger politics.

All indications are that the poor will be pinched in their food supplies. It has been a very wet season everywhere. Wet seasons are favorable to a large product of beef, cheese, and butter, which are dear foods, and unfavorable to the growth and maturing of corn, wheat, rye, and many of the vegetables, which are cheap foods. Potatoes, especially, are the staple cheap vegetable food of both Europe and America, and rot and shortage have sent the price of potatoes up to double last year's figures. Europe is said to be a billion bushels short of potatoes, and the shortage is more serious than that of wheat to many people. Our own potato crop is rotting badly in many places, and even if it were bountiful it is by no means so easy a crop to handle and export.

That dollar wheat, after paying ocean freights and milling and middlemen's charges, is too expensive for the poor of the continental countries, is well known. Even 75-cent wheat is too dear for them. There are millions who scarcely taste wheat flour, living on rye and potatoes in the north, and in the south, upon rye, chestnut meal and fruits.

But rye is a short crop, like wheat. The European shortage is reckoned at 200,000,000 bushels. The shortage of wheat, including decrease of the visible supply below the normal, is also about 300,000,000. If every bushel of our wheat crop were sent across the water it could not make up for the European shortage of rye and wheat. Two months ago, English traders were reckoning on a wheat crop of from 500,000,000 to 600,000,000 bushels in this country. Estimates have since constantly grown smaller.

The government crop reports indicated 450,000,000 bushels of wheat. Traders always find government estimates too small. This year the discrepancy between fact and prophecy is less than usual, as the thrashing reports do not indicate heavy grain, and the latest fields were disappointing. It was in part upon these facts that the prices went up.

Our rye crop is not large. It is fair. We cannot spare Europe 300,000,000 bushels she stands in need of. Our potatoes, like those abroad, are a poor crop. The returns have been very favorable in the middle tier of states, like Maryland, but very unfavorable in the great regions of New England and New York which, like Aristook county, Me., raise potatoes for the city markets. If, therefore, potatoes are exported at any time this season, it is likely to be at so high a price as to benefit little the needy of continental Europe.

There is a substitute—corn. Europe is at last taking kindly to our Indian corn. Much of that sent to Ireland during the famine was virtually wasted because no one knew how to cook it; and its use abroad has been very slight until a short time ago.

Corn won favor in Europe at last because of the efforts of our consuls to show how it should be used; also, because of experiments with it in the German army, and because of a serious shortage in the Russian rye crop. The result has been that last spring, we were sending abroad 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 bushels a week. In four years we have more than quadrupled our sales abroad.

But even our corn crop is not inexhaustible. It is somewhere around 2,000,000,000 bushels, the government crop report being somewhat lower, the traders' estimates a trifle higher. Corn prices are ruling higher, but prices do not, in the case of this crop, mean much. When meat is high, as at present, corn is not tempted to leave the farm at all, but is fed where it is raised. This is true of the bulk of the crop in any case. Probably about four-fifths of our corn has always been fed on the farm. So we are not likely to send Europe enough corn to feed her. Last spring's heavy exportations were made from last fall's very large crop, and on low figures. Now the conditions are different.

There are substitutes for grain—well, what? In Holland and Denmark, cheese; in Italy, chestnuts, olives, figs, all limited in quantity. There is rice, of course; and this Europe will certainly import, in increased quantities, thus deepening India's distress and troubling far-away China and Japan, whose staple it is.

Two or three years ago British India was one of the chief competitors of the American farmer. Not so in this famine year, when the crop is only eight-elevenths of normal, and the exports since April have actually been but about one-tenth of what they were last year, even as last year they were but ten per cent. of a normal average. Ten per cent. of ten per cent. is one per cent. India is sending to Europe one bushel of wheat where she sent over a hundred in 1891.

What Australia and Argentina will produce in the coming season is purely conjecture. They are south of the equator, and this is their early spring. In two months we may know their acreage sown, and that is about all. The shortage of their last year's crops, reaped in our northern spring of 1897, contributed largely to the European shortage. Next spring they may relieve the situation by a huge crop—and they may not.

There are Russia and Hungary—the vast plains of central and eastern Europe, which have been the granaries of the western cities. Hungarian prices began to mount sharply before our own did so. Russia, with a short crop, may forbid the export of wheat, and so make the situation of Paris, Amsterdam, London and Rome more acutely uncomfortable.

If the mutiny on the Afghan frontier of British India should spread and war should interfere with the crops in the Punjab, the chief wheat region of India, then the condition of Europe, like that of India, would become desperate indeed.

The poor of our own cities will suffer from high prices, but they may at least profit by the abundance of work, which higher prices ought to bring. In foreign cities the very poor will not have this advantage.

It would not be strange if before spring the European governments were contemplating relief work so as to give their people employment and save them from starvation.

In such an emergency Great Britain with her splendid credit, could have no difficulty in providing all the work needed. France can raise money easily, but can hardly avoid the irrepressible conflict between the farmers, who will want the grain tariffs retained, and the mill hands, who will want them removed.

The blow of high prices will fall with peculiar force upon Belgium, with her dense population and low wages. In Germany times have of late been so prosperous that there is plenty of capital for industrial enterprises, but the same difficulty will arise over the grain duties.

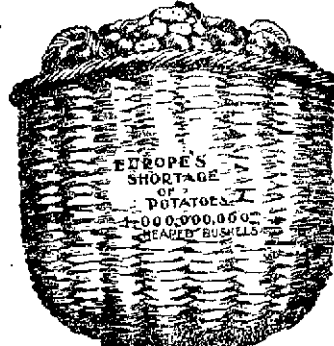
In Italy, where the grain crops are reported very poor, where the government's credit is very low, owing to her jingo foreign policy, and where private capital is insignificant, the pressure of poverty must be grim indeed.

In Russia most of the people are far enough toward the east to be able to die without complaining. In all these countries there will be much suffering which no government works or emergency appropriations can touch. A large part of Europe's population stands face to face with very bitter want.

Pointer as to Cargoes.
One of the oldest women teachers in the public schools of Portland, Ore., has the Klondike fever, and proposes going north. The clerk of the board of education, a California '40er, advises her to take up a load of candies, cigars and nuts, rather than to try any other way of making money or a living there. He recalls the visit of a woman with such a cargo to a California camp, and says that she cleared \$1,000 between Saturday and Monday.

Doubtless a Canard.
The rumor that Gen. Miles has been so much pleased with the methods and practices of the Turkish army that he has in view recommending the adoption of the fez, baggy trousers, and two or more wives for each of the officers of the United States army, on his return, lacks confirmation. It is doubtless a cruel canard intended to raise hopes which cannot be realized.—Military Gazette, Chicago.

Americans in Canada.
The new Canadian census shows that 17 in every 1,000 of the Canadian population were born in the United States. This is seven more in the 1,000 than the number reported from all European countries outside of Great Britain.



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ABOUT WATERSPOUTS.

Most Appalling of All the Terrors of the Deep.

A Veteran Seaman Saw Twenty at Once—These Were Very Small, But There Are Others—Tales to "Make Your Hair Curl."

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"Cyclones, hurricanes and icebergs have sent many a good ship to her doom, and will send many more—but there's something to be dreaded worse." So spoke a veteran sea captain, from whom I was trying to draw out something interesting on the subject of storms.

"I can't imagine what it is," I said—though I had my guess.

"Well, it's a waterspout, and the mariner may thank God they are not to be met with every week. I know men who have sailed for 30 years without sighting one, but it has happened that they have come my way pretty often. I saw one on my first voyage as cabin boy, and it wasn't over four weeks ago that one came mighty near doing the business for this old bark. Man and boy, I've followed the sea for over 40 years, and the peril most to be feared is the one you are almost helpless to guard against. After I've told the mate about getting up that new topsail I'll spin you a few."

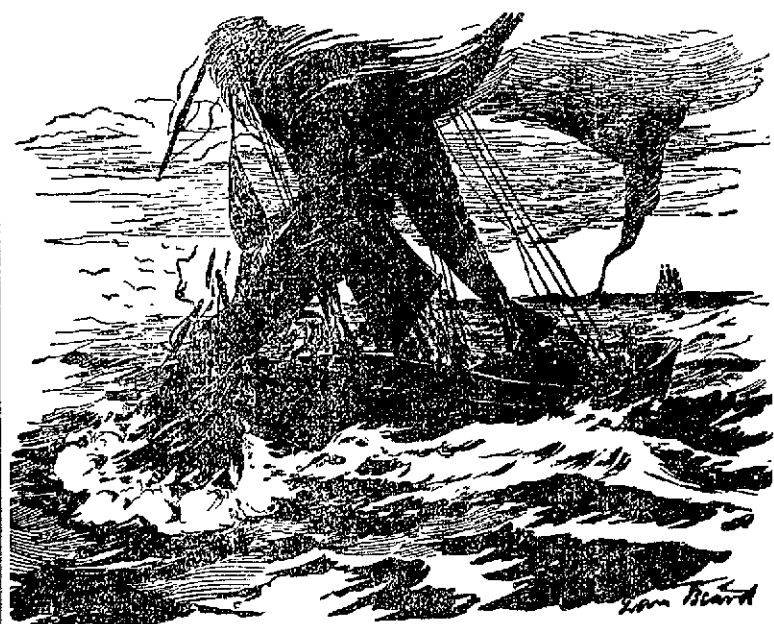
Ten minutes later we were ready, and he began:

"Everybody knows that a waterspout is formed by a whirlwind passing along the surface of the water. On land it would suck up dust and grass and paper, and perhaps rip the roof off a house or barn. There are little waterspouts and big ones, according to the strength of the wind. I've counted 20 little ones

ments remained of the big craft. Tens of thousands of barrels of water fell upon her from a height of half a mile, and she was literally torn to pieces. We lay a full mile away, and yet the fall of that great body of water upon the surface of the ocean kicked up such a sea that we had to hang on for dear life. The edge of the spout just hit us, and we got rain in sheets and bucketsful. When a wave rolling in against a breakwater will overturn a block of stone weighing 15 or 20 tons, you get some slight idea of what might happen under the fall of a whole lake from the sky in a body."

I knew the captain had more in reserve, and patiently waited for him to fill his pipe and continue:

"I think the crew of the barkentine White Squall saw a more curious spectacle and had a closer shave from destruction than any other men sailing the deep. It was in the fall of 1890, and we were off the Keeling islands and bound up the Bay of Bengal. At the beginning of the first dog watch in the afternoon (from four to six o'clock) we lost the breeze, which had been light all the afternoon. It wasn't what you might call waterspout weather, and yet I began to feel apprehensive and ordered the ship made ready. The men started in amazement when I gave the order to turl and clew down and doubly secure everything on deck. The sky was hard and blue and without a cloud as big as your hand, and as the hands went aloft I saw them winking at each other and saying 'What's that?' Another ship been near she would have taken it that I was about to come to anchor in 3,000 feet of water. I trusted to my instinct, however, and it was well that I did. Five bells had been struck when a big wave suddenly broke water about half a mile to the west of us, and after thrashing about for two or three minutes began to move around in a narrow circle with his jaws wide open. That



THE MOST APPELLING OF ALL THE PERILS OF THE DEEP.

playing around at once, and no great fear need be felt of them. It's the big ones—the old chaps holding water enough to float a ship over a stone wall—that make your hair curl when they come sweeping down your way. In the China sea, 20 years ago, as the clipper ship Champion was sailing along one day in a moderate breeze, I was sent aloft on some job about the fore-topmast. I was working away when I happened to look into the northwest, and I beheld a curious sight. About three miles from the ship, which was headed the other way, was a patch of what looked to be black water. This patch was perhaps a quarter of a mile square, and it stood out on the green-white sea in strange contrast. It began to rise, and then the waters in that particular spot seemed to be racing round and round. A minute later the center of the patch began to rise, and the next thing was a waterspout. The water was sucked up as by a pump, and when thousands and thousands of barrels had been lifted the spout began to travel. The stem of it was about as big as a ship's mast, but it writhed and twisted about like a serpent. The spout did not come near us, but we were shaking with fear for a quarter of an hour."

"Suppose that a big waterspout should strike a ship—what then?" I asked.

"I can give you a plain answer to that," replied Capt. Griggs. In 1878 I made a voyage from Liverpool to the Cape of Good Hope in the brig Steadfast. We had left St. Helena about 400 miles to the north of us, when one morning there came a dead calm. About two miles to the south of us lay a Russian merchantman—a big fellow with a crew of at least 30 men. Up to noon there wasn't air enough to flare a candle. Then came a cat's-paw from every point of the compass, and after awhile a small waterspout formed near the brig and traveled away to the east. We took alarm at that, and got ready. It had just gone four bells (two o'clock) when the man who had been sent aloft an hour before, hailed the deck in great excitement, and then came sliding down a back-stay. A waterspout which had formed to the south of us was coming down towards the two ships. It was an ugly sight. It had drawn up so much water that its top was a black cloud a mile in circumference, and as it came along the sea under it was boiling and leaping as if a dozen great whales were at play. The Russian had a gun aboard and opened fire with solid shot, hoping to hit the stem or break it by concussion. They tell me that has been done, but I beg to doubt it.

"He fired three shots while the spout was dancing about in an uncertain way; then a current of wind sent it fairly down upon him. We could hear the sailors shouting and see them running about, but all the ships on salt water could not have prevented what happened. Everyone of us had his eyes on the spout when it struck the ship. There was a smash and a crash, and a moment later only a few floating frag-

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ALASKA MOSQUITOES.

A Variety That Is Said to Beat the World—Gnats. Also.

Not the least of the difficulties to be encountered by the Alaskan gold seeker is the terrific warfare waged by the mosquitoes. They are something awful, and every traveler who has written anything on the subject of Alaska mentions them as pests worse than the locusts of ancient Egypt.

The New Jersey variety is not to be considered in comparison with these northern pests, that come in clouds and envelop man and beast in an embrace, sometimes of death.

When the weather is warm—and it gets very warm during the long days of the short summer, especially about Juneau and along the new route to the Klondike valley—the mosquitoes seem to rise out of the earth. They are everywhere, and no kind of net will stop them.

Prof. Dail, of the Smithsonian institution, went to Alaska a few years ago, when the Western Union Telegraph company was considering the practicability of running a wire.

His work was so seriously impeded by the mosquitoes that he made a special report on them in which he said that they laughed at blankets even, and were repelled by nothing but buckskin. Think of a mosquito sufficiently robust to sink a shaft through a blanket. Nothing in the way of smoking or using chemicals seemed to have any effect on the pests, according to the learned professor.

Lieut. Schwatka says that his greatest trouble came from mosquito bites, and a doctor who accompanied Schwatka declared that the Alaska mosquitoes were so cunning that two of them would hold the legs and wings of a third flat against his body in order to let him squeeze through the meshes of the finest net. Most people think, however, that they are too mean to help one another.

Then there are gnats also. In the region of Lake Tahoe they are especially numerous and voracious, and many a traveler who has encountered an army of them led by a few mosquitoes to generals has prayed for the first time since he left home and mother.

The mosquitoes and gnats will fight a battle royal over a juicy prospect from the south, and his life, between them, becomes a burden.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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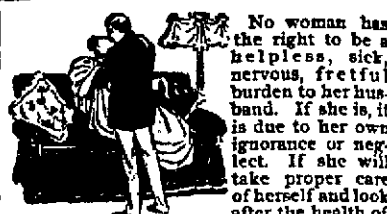
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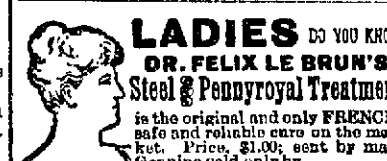
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PREJUDICES OF ANIMALS

Their Likes and Dislikes. Office Unaccountable. The likes and dislikes of animals are unaccountable. Some horses love to be treated in a certain way, though they are treated in a different way. Between the moral and the physical, there is a great deal of difference. A violent antipathy, which is not infrequently displaced by respect, and even affection. Cows dislike dogs, sheep, for good reasons. I like dogs and, what seems particularly partial to bear, other hand, horses loathe camels and refuse to be near them after long acquaintance, even hate the place where they have been, which seems to be a prejudice to an extreme.

Evolutionists are accustomed to explain these instinctive feelings of animals as the result of the days when one race preyed upon the other. This would account for the natural enmity of cows to sheep, when cows were wild they would defend their calves from predatory wild dogs. But the horse like dogs? It is a day that the wild horses defended their colts from western prairies. What central horse have had against a central camel of a million. Above all, why should the horse of the bear? It must be the last a dormant sense of humor. The ideal of the horse combined with strength, proves from the bottom of the hopelessly vulgar, awkward, unethical camel. The bear, once, though clumsy, is untruthful and not devoid of humor. The dog he recognizes fellow, companionable and therefore forgets his dacious habits. A strong bond the dog and the horse is both fond of sport, where would not go an inch to see that was ever run—Hart.

BIRDS BUILD HOMES

And Then They Decorate. Really Artistic. There has just been discovered government ornithologists in the island of New Guinea show themselves excellent by building each for his house on the ground.

Of course, the house of birds is not an elaborate structure of stone or even bricks. It is made of twigs and pebbles, kept together by the interweaving of the bird's beak. But it is as well in keeping of the sun, and no wind can knock it down, owing to the ingenuity in which the bird selects the name of garden birds, select that they fence in around their houses, for parent reason than to know that the enclosed property.

When the male garden mate he selects some level fields where he finds a than two inches in the base. With this tree as the bird builds his house, leaves, pebbles and grass, finished it is a curiously shaped, like a bell, stories. In the upper small openings are left down, and the ground floor opening which serves as well as to let in the light. When the house is finished, a circular fence height, around the house, closes a plot three feet at every point.

The interior of a decorated with fresh leaves, beautiful insects, pretty other birds may have, and even skulls of birds that the fields are to be.

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In a western school, a little fellow was called for the county superintendent. "Was a good reader?" "Yes," he gave absolute punctuation marks. "The superintendent?" "Willie, where are both hands?" "Here they are, sir."

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LOCAL NEWS.

H. C. Burks at Opera House drug store. Big Syrup 35 cents a bottle at Irwin's drug store.

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Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kack.

Ducks, spring chickens and doves at Pearl Oyster and Fish Co.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dit.

Be sure to see the "Bellamy Sisters" at the Good Templar entertainment Friday, September 10.—9-2t

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps, etc.—J19d-2mos.

Vive Cameras, Opera House drug store.

Cheap Charley's barber shop open for business—regular prices. Charles H. Baker and Will Bachman—6d6

California fruits, Tokay grapes, Bartlett pears, Alberta peaches, egg plants at the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 344.

The members of the city council water and light committee will meet at the city hall tonight. It is to be a meeting of considerable importance.

We are certain that you can get lettuce, egg plant, corn, wax beans, cucumbers, lima beans, tomatoes at Pearl Oyster and Fish Company. Telephone 344.

The three days fair, given by the members of St. Patrick's Catholic church, was a great success. The attendance was large and the church will realize about \$700 on the undertaking.

The work of putting in the stone curb on North Main street in preparation for the asphalt paving is in progress. In a few days there will be a big force of men at work on the street.

The preachers of the M. E. church will start to conference from this vicinity on Tuesday morning next. The conference will be held at Rushville in Schuyler county and will last one week.

There is considerable interest now in foot ball. Several teams have been organized and the boys are practicing. It is a little early yet and there will probably not be any match games within the next month.

This morning Officer Somerville had John Athey before Justice Smith on a charge of drunkenness. He was arrested last night while in a drunken sleep in the business part of the city. He was fined \$3 and costs and in default of payment went back to the cell on an execution.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bonty entertained a few of their most intimate friends last evening at their home on West North street. At a late hour refreshments were served and the young people bade adieu to their young host and hostess, after having passed an enjoyable evening with games and music.

A. F. Gebhart reported to the county court yesterday that in accordance with a decree of the court he had as assignee of Mamie E. Dennis sold lots 6 of Lake & Co's addition. The highest bid was made by J. Q. A. Odor, who bid \$3500. The assignee said he did not think that was enough and asked the court to make an order directing him not to take that but to advertise the property for sale, at private sale. The court made such an order.

Yesterday afternoon Drs. W. B. Hostetler, W. M. Parrish and C. P. Kennedy, assisted by Dr. Connelly of Bloomington, amputated the right leg of C. E. Maos, living three and a half miles northwest of the city. Mr. Maos, who is very old, had been suffering from dead bone for about 50 years. For the past four or five months he had been confined to his room. The amputation of the leg above the knee was necessary to save his life, and the physicians were surprised at the successful manner in which he stood the operation. It is thought he will entirely recover.

There will be a musical entertainment at the Turner park all next week, beginning Monday night and lasting over the next Sunday. A concert will be given by the Salzberger Solisten Quartet of Tyrol, whose warblers, who are accompanied by two zither players. This company will be remembered as the warblers who created such a good impression on lovers of music in Decatur a few years ago, when they were with "Karl" Gardner's show. They have few equals in their line. The company is now giving an engagement at Bloomington, but will close there Sunday night and come to this city Monday.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

—Dr. W. M. Catto was in Moweaqua today on business.

—Coroner Bendure was called to Macon today to hold an inquest.

—Mrs. Narcissa Richards is ill at her home southwest of the city.

—Miss Laura Kirby, of Cincinnati, is in the city visiting Miss Anna Roby.

—Postmaster Vic Benton of Forsyth was in the city today on a business trip.

—Col. Nate A. Reed, editor of the Banner of Gold, Chicago, was in the city today.

—Rev. J. C. Rapp left today for Belleville, Ill., where he will conduct quarterly meeting.

—Officer Somerville left today for Centralia on a vacation trip and to visit his mother. He will be absent several days.

—Mrs. Heidelberg, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. A. Bradshaw, at 330 West Main street, has returned to her home in Virginia.

—Rev. Mr. Pierce, who occupied the pulpit at the First M. E. church during the temporary absence of the pastor, is in the city, a guest of S. D. McKinney and family.

—Arthur B. Lindsey, ahead of the Sipe, Dolman & Blake dog, pony and monkey show, is in the city. The show is to be in Decatur on September 15 and 16, at the Wabash grounds, near the union depot.

—C. N. Bertram, manager of the Pulse of New York company, which will appear here at the Grand about November 1, was in the city today with the company on the way to Mattoon. They played Springfield Wednesday night.

—Miss May Anderson, Miss Stella Mayhew and H. W. Bond, members of the company playing "The Pulse of New York," were in the city yesterday visiting G. T. Phillips. They stopped off here on their way to Terre Haute. Miss Anderson is the lady who about a year ago gave a benefit for the W. R. C. in this city.

FUNERAL OF H. M. KREIDLER.

The funeral of H. M. Kreidler was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence, 338 North Franklin street. The services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Gilmore and were largely attended. The music was rendered by the male quartet of Grace Methodist church. The members of Chevelier Bayard K. of P. lodge, will have charge of the burial and the members of Decatur Camp 144, M. W. of A., the Home Forum and representatives of Omer de Leon K. of P. lodge will also attend. The burial will be at Greenwood cemetery and the K. of P. and Modern Woodmen rituals will be conducted at the grave. The pall bearers were the following members of the official board of Grace church, of which the deceased was the treasurer: W. L. Shellabarger, W. H. Elwood, W. J. Huff, J. C. Spencer, S. L. Hill and E. J. Strader.

Caught on a Crossing.
Yesterday afternoon E. W. Hooten, in the employ of G. R. Bacon, came near being killed at the Jasper street crossing of the Wabash railway. He was driving the delivery wagon and was in the act of coming over that dangerous crossing, when the flagman waved at him to stop and go back. Hooten did not obey the warning. He started ahead, expecting to clear the crossing. He failed. A switch engine caught the wagon at the front wheels. Fortunately Hooten escaped unhurt, but the wagon was wrecked. The horse got off with a few bruises. Hooten takes all the blame on himself. He states that he should have obeyed the flagman, but instead he took chances. He will be more obedient in future.

Supposed Stolen Property.
Last night a young man giving his name as Mat Cummings, appeared at the Dimock barn with a team of horses and a Milburn wagon. He offered to sell the whole outfit for \$100, but failing to get a buyer he was willing to take \$75. Then the suspicion arose that the rig had been stolen, and no one would touch the property at any price. Cummings left the outfit at the barn and said he would return in a few days. He may never be seen again in Decatur. Possibly he was anxious to let go somewhere. It is the opinion of those who have seen the wagon and its attachments that the rig was stolen from some farmer who resides in a hilly section.

Went to Niagara.

Quite a number of Decatur people left this morning at 11:30 on the Niagara Falls excursion. The party went on a special train and will stay five days. Among those who went from here were Mrs. Hugh Crea, Will Haljman, Frank Bunn, Mrs. H. M. Wood, Miss Alice Wood, C. A. Pollock and wife and two sons, Louis and Karl, and Captain Barr, of Macon.

Notice.
Having disposed of our business at No. 134 East Prairie street, and desiring to collect all accounts as soon as possible, we will ask all parties owing us to call and settle at once, either at the old stand or at H. Mueller Mfg. Co. All accounts made since June 6 are the property of Decatur Gun Co. All previous to that date belong to us. Please do not delay. H. Mueller Gun Co.—9-d1w

Another Society.

An effort is being made to organize in this city a branch of the Fraternal Tribune. It is an fraternal insurance order.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mrs. Lizzie Elerich, of Macon, Passed Away Suddenly in the Night.

INQUEST HELD THIS FORENOON

By Coroner Bendure—Body was Found by the Husband of the Deceased This Morning—Death Due to Paralysis of the Brain.

The dead body of Mrs. Lizzie Elerich was found this morning in her bed at her home in Macon. It is thought that she died of paralysis of the heart. The death was a very sudden and unexpected one. The deceased was the wife of August Elerich. This morning Mr. Elerich arose between 7 and 8 o'clock and went to awake his wife. He called to her and tried to awake her but she did not move. He thought that she was ill and called some of the neighbors to the house. It was discovered that Mrs. Elerich was dead. She was lying in a natural position and there were no evidences of any struggle.

Coroner Bendure was notified of the death and went to Macon this morning and held an inquest. The only witness was August Elerich who testified to the finding of the body. He said that his wife last year was troubled some with pleurisy but he had never known her to have any serious heart trouble. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the woman had come to her death by paralysis of the brain. The jury was composed of Dr. A. L. Hughes, E. L. Hight, Charles Jones, W. H. Brooks, S. C. Lancaster, W. T. Calhoun and W. H. Starr.

The arrangement for the funeral have not yet been made and will be announced later.

DEATH OF HIRAM STARR.

Uncle to the Starr Brothers, Mrs. R. E. Hammer, Mrs. Pittner and Mrs. Bixby, Died Suddenly at His Home in Harrisburg, Pa.

W. H. Starr, this morning received a telegram announcing the death of Hiram Starr at his home in Harrisburg, Pa. The death was sudden and unexpected and due no doubt to heart disease.

Mr. Starr was engaged in the furniture business and had arranged to retire from business in another year. He was 55 years of age and was the uncle of W. H. J. S. and H. E. Starr and brother of Mrs. R. C. Hamster, Mrs. W. C. Pittner and Mrs. S. C. Bixby, all of this city, whom he visited two years ago. W. H. Starr visited him some time ago and he was then in good health and there was no reason for writing him concerning his health but last week he was prompted to do so, writing to a daughter, stating he was for some reason constrained to write to inquire after Uncle Hiram's health, and felt that he ought to go in to see him. Last evening a reply was received to this letter, which stated that her father requested her to write that he was never in better health and felt 15 years younger than when they last met, and this morning the telegram announcing his sudden death was received.

W. H. Starr will leave tonight for Harrisburg to attend the funeral.

Old Glory Again.

A member of the Old Glory Whist club at the Huff hotel came to the front again last night. The lucky man was James N. Walton, who has been attending the show at the opera house for three nights in succession. Last night he held the ticket which drew the rocking chair given away by the Gibney company, and Jim took the chair straight to the hotel and in an appropriate speech in the name of the whist club presented the rocker to Mrs. Huff. It is a handsome chair, of pretty color and stylish make.

Chapter Anniversary.

Last night while the Presbyterian ladies were busy managing the street cars, the members of Decatur Chapter, No. 111, Order of the Eastern Star, were having a good time at the lodge room in Masonic Temple. It was the occasion of the anniversary of the organization of the Chapter. The attendance was large. Mrs. Jennie Freeman, the state matron, was present and favored the audience with an address. After the social and speech making a delicious banquet was served.

Improvement.

Argenta Hustler: Dr. E. H. Thomas has let the contract for a system of water-works for his residence. The system will consist of a compressed air underground tank, from which the water will be forced to three hydrants—one in the yard, one in the barn and one in the house. A windmill will be used to do the pumping into the tank. The system will be the first of the kind in town. It will prove of great convenience.

Chicken Fry.

And still they come. At Fairlawn park, Decatur, Ill., on Tuesday next, September 14, the ladies of the Sharon M. E. church will give a chicken fry. Remember the place, the date and that warm chicken will be served. Let all Decatur and the country round come to the feast.

—10-3t

Frogs legs, black bass and croppies at

Pearl Oyster and Fish Co.

STREET PAVING TO BEGIN.

Contracts Signed by S. W. Tuttle—Talk About the Interest.

On Thursday S. W. Tuttle signed the contracts for brick paving improvements and is now in shape to go ahead with the work. There will be no charge in advance for interest. The streets to be paved are Broadway, Sangamon and Morgan. Before the contracts were signed there was considerable discussion in reference to the terms affecting the charges for interest on bonds. In the past it has been the custom for the bonds for public improvements to begin drawing interest from the time that the rolls are confirmed. In some cases the contractor does not spend any money on the improvement for a year after the bonds begin to draw interest. In one instance a contractor got a lot of bonds on a sewer on which interest had run a year and a half before the work was done. Of course that was all clear pickup for the contractor, and as it was a big sewer the total interest that he got from the property owners for nothing at all was a big sum. The contracts have always specified that the bonds shall draw interest only from the time that the settlement is made with the contractor. Of course that means until after the work is all done.

Comptroller Robbins called attention yesterday to this provision and stated that it would be a good time to understand that that was the way settlements would be made. There was some demur, but it was that way in the contract and there was nothing else to do but sign.

Work on the West Eldorado street improvement will begin next Tuesday, to be finished October 10 on Broadway to begin September 20, to be finished October 15, on Sangamon and Morgan streets to begin October 1, to be finished June 1, on Herkimer street to begin April 1, to be finished July 1.

The Late Mrs. C. L. Montgomery.

The Rev. J. S. Keener, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, conducted the funeral of the late Mrs. Hattie J. Montgomery, wife of C. L. Montgomery, which took place Thursday afternoon at the Bethlehem church. Several hundred people were at the services, which were deeply impressive. The pall bearers were Tom Smith, John Price, Robert Hill, Nathan Stokel, William Price, Jr. and Frank Ward.

Hattie Jane Hill was born January 18, 1868. At the age of 18 years she was converted and joined the Bethlehem C. P. church of which she was a member at the time of her death, having been a member over 16 years. While her health in the last few years of her life was such she could not attend services as often as she liked, she was always ready to do what she could.

She was married to Clarence L. Montgomery September 19, 1888. To them were born three children, Cecil, Bessie and Lela, aged 8, 6 and 2 years, respectively. Besides her husband, two sons and daughter, she leaves a mother, two brothers and two sisters to mourn her loss.

She was taken sick the 30th of last March and was confined to her bed until her death. Although she suffered great pain she was never heard to murmur or complain, but remained patiently and faithfully until the last. The last words she spoke were to her husband in whose arms she was resting at the time of her death. She said: "Take the children to church and Sunday school."

She died September 7, 1897, at 12.30 p. m., aged 29 years, seven months and 19 days.

\$2.00 to Cincinnati and Return: \$1.50 to Indianapolis and Return.

On Saturday, September 11, the I. D. & W. will sell excursion tickets to Cincinnati and return at \$2 for the round trip, and to Indianapolis and return at \$1.50. Tickets good only on train leaving Decatur 10:45 p. m. Saturday night, September 11, and good returning on train leaving Cincinnati at 7:15 p. m. Sunday, September 12, and Indianapolis at 11:10 p. m. Sunday, September 12. This gives the entire day at Cincinnati and Indianapolis. Tickets, full information, etc. at city or depot ticket office.—3 d1w

Still Hot.

Despite the predictions of the weather clerk to the contrary, the temperature continues at a high pitch. It was 94 in the shade today, with but little indication of cooler weather. Still the weather man says it will be colder tonight.

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